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Official opening of Parliamentary sessions 2011-2012



Yesterday morning, Governor Fredis Refunjol, the Queen's appointed representative in Aruba, inspected a contingent of Royal Dutch Marines before entering the

island's House of Parliament to official signal the opening of legislative sessions over the coming year. They were accompanied by an Honor Guard from the Aruba Police Corps.

Aruba has a 21-seat Parliament, which is presently

dominated by the AVP (green) Party, led by Prime Minister Mike Eman. All Ministers and members of Parliament were present, along with various dignitaries, to join President of Parliament Paul Croes in welcoming Governor Refun-

jol, who delivered his annual "State of the Nation" address.

The 25-minute speech examined a number of issues pertinent to Aruba's standing economically, culturally and socially. The ever-present dilemma of a small island nation developing and advancing in a world on an economic roller coaster, while reviewing the measures of the present administration over the past year, was the thrust of his address.

Aruba faces many challenges, as one of the pillars of the island's economies, US tourism, can be influenced by the States embarking on an election year for the presidency. The world financial crises of 2008 has taken its toll in the U.S. economy, which directly effects Aruba's economy, and Governor Refunjol touched upon the steps being taken by the concerned government entities to best handle the situation, which includes diversifying sources of income to the island.

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Angolan beauty wins Miss Universe crown



BRAZIL, Sao Paulo : Miss Angola 2011 Leila Lopes reacts after winning the 60th annual Miss Universe beauty pageant. (AFP PHOTO)

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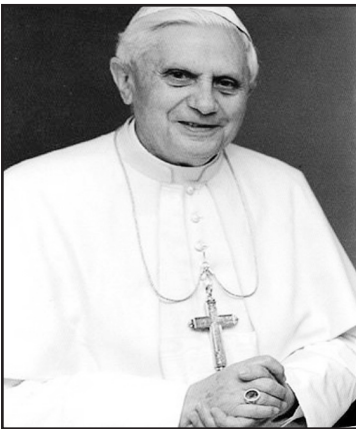
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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

Child abuse victims sue pope for crimes against humanity



VATICAN CITY (AFP) - An international group for victims of sexual abuse by priests said Tuesday they were asking the International Criminal Court to prosecute

Pope Benedict XVI for crimes against humanity.

The Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) said it had filed a complaint calling on the ICC to "take action and prosecute the Pope" for "direct and superior responsibility for the crimes against humanity of rape and other sexual violence committed around the world".

International law experts said the case may not go very far because the ICC prosecutor only investigates complaints if asked to do so by the United Nations Security Council, by a state that has ratified the Rome Statute, or on his own initiative. The ICC also investigates crimes, not people.

But in their statement, the hard-hitting organisation said members from Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands and the United States had travelled to The Hague to urge prosecu-

tors to investigate the head of the Roman Catholic Church.

The US-based victims network submitted more than 20,000 pages of supporting materials including "reports, policy papers, and evidence of the crimes by Catholic clergy committed against children and vulnerable adults", it said.

Marco Politi, Vatican expert and commentator for Il Fatto Quotidiano paper, said "the legal situation is not yet clear", but that the dossier submitted "re-opens the question over a cover-up in the 1980s and 1990s".

"The problem remains that the Vatican has not opened its archives and has not even launched an international investigation into its dioceses around the world," he said.

SNAP members were accompanied by lawyers from the non-profit US Centre for Constitutional Rights.

Venezuela to hold presidential vote in October 2012

CARACAS (AFP) - The next Venezuelan presidential election will be held on October 7 next year, two months earlier than expected, electoral officials said Tuesday.

"We decided unanimously that the electoral calendar will include the presidential election on October 7 (2012)," National Electoral Council president Tibisay Lucena told reporters in Caracas.

Political observers had been expecting an election two months later, around December, when they are traditionally held. There was no comment on why the vote was to be held earlier.

President Hugo Chavez is seeking a third term, despite undergoing surgery and chemotherapy to battle a cancerous tumor.

He has voiced hopes of recovering in time for next

year's presidential election, and earlier Tuesday even said he would likely undergo a fourth round of chemo.

He insists he is cancer-free and convalescing, but little information has been released about the type of cancer he has or his medical condition.

Chavez, a leftist-populist former paratrooper in power since 1999, has said repeatedly that he is certain to be re-elected for a third term in December 2012.

He can stand for re-election indefinitely under a 2009 constitutional amendment that sets no term limits for public officials.

The president has charged that the opposition is not organized enough to field a candidate who could beat him in 2012, despite the coalition holding 40 percent of seats in the national assembly.



A file picture released by Iran's state-run Press TV on February 6, 2011 shows US hikers Shane Bauer (L) and Josh Fattal, detained in Iran on espionage charges, during the first session of their trial. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said the two US hikers held on espionage charges since 2009 would be released "in two days" during an interview with NBC News broadcasted yesterday.

AFP PHOTO

Richardson 'disappointed' on US contractor in Cuba

HAVANA (AFP) - Former US diplomat and New Mexico governor Bill Richardson said Tuesday he will leave Cuba on Wednesday, disappointed that the government would not let him visit jailed American contractor Alan Gross.

Gross, 62, was sentenced in March to 15 years in prison on charges he violated Cuba's "independence or territorial integrity" in a case that has soured US-Cuban relations.

Gross has been in jail since his arrest in 2009 for distributing cellphones and laptops to members of the island's Jewish community under a State Department contract.

Richardson, who has been in a go-between in other prisoner releases, said the Cuban

government had invited him to come to Havana "to discuss the case."

But as soon as he arrived, the authorities told Richardson "I couldn't visit (Gross), much less take him to the United States," he said.

After the rebuff, Richardson told reporters on Friday that he would not leave the country until he had fulfilled a promise to Gross's wife that he would meet with Gross, whom he described as sick and depressed.

The 63-year-old former New Mexico governor has also served as energy secretary and US ambassador to the United Nations, and has gained a reputation as a diplomatic troubleshooter in places such as North Korea.

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sion has to do with the manner in which the job seeker approaches the interview, how he/she is dressed, their attitude and vocabulary. For this reason DPL advises every job seeker to come to DPL as if they were going to be interviewed. The reason being, it happens that some job seekers may be referred right then and there to an interview session immediately after the visit to DPL. Hence, it is important to come properly clad and prepared.

It is also crucially important to always have all valid documents like an ID or other legal identification along with the Census Afls.5 form in hand. Educational or other documents to verify work experience are always requested by employers. DPL urges every job seeker to always come properly attired to improve your opportunity for obtaining a job interview right away.

DPL reminds everyone that every Saturday they will publish a list of the current job vacancies for that week. This will be published in the local newspapers and on their website: www.dpl.aw. It is a good practice to always check the job vacancies list...you may find an employment possibility on that list that suits your qualifications and skills. DPL is committed to helping our unemployed find work the soonest possible...they want you to work so you can make progress.

University of Aruba Institutes Governor's Chair

ORANJESTAD -- In conjunction with Aruba's 25th anniversary of Status Aparte, Governor Fredis Refunjol decreed a so called Governor's Chair to the University of Aruba. Educational Chairs are common to Universities all over the world and may have numerous designations from past university Presidential Chairs, to Chairs in honor of special university donors, to Scholarly Chairs for the development of a particular science or discipline, etc. This is an important first for the University of Aruba.

The purpose of this Governor's Chair is to study Government from the perspective of Small Legal Systems.

With respect to this new Chair, the University will appoint a professor to study the topic of Government from the perspective of Small Legal Systems, such as that of Aruba.

Last week during the opening of the new academic year of the University of Aruba, the Aruba Governor presented a decree for the institution of this new Chair to the president of the Board of Trustees of the University.

With the institution of the Apart Status within the Dutch Kingdom Aruba was given the authority to create its own new governmental structure and to decide its own affairs. However, during the past 25 years there was much to learn and the demands for responsible government became increasingly weightier. In a small community with rather high expectations such as ours, it becomes quite a challenge to give substance to government in a transparent manner, according to Governor Refunjol.

Refunjol expressed the hope that the Governor's Chair would contribute to the future governmental development of Aruba.



The Governor's Chair will become a reality in concordance with the Minister of Justice and Education and the Board of the University of Aruba. For a period of three years this Chair will be financed by the Cabinet of the Governor of Aruba. The University is in the process of appointing a professor which they hope to finalize shortly.

The professor of this Chair will do investigations, publications, teach and organize lecture sessions and symposiums. In this way he will contribute to the formation of ideas and public academic discussions

regarding the future development of government. This will be done taking a broad perspective from other small nation's legal systems.

In his discourse to the audience gathered for the opening of the academic year of the Aruba University, the Governor in his discourse took a look back at the significance of the new status that Aruba received as a country within the Dutch Kingdom. He said that with the acquisition of authority came a sizeable responsibility. This entailed quite a challenge to be transparent and to offer quality.

Finally, the Aruba Governor, who is the official representative of the Dutch Queen in Aruba, concluded by expressing the hope that this Governor's Chair will result in developing future government leaders educated by the University of Aruba and that Aruba will reap the fruits of this important milestone charged to the University of Aruba.

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Grand Cultural Celebration set for October 1st

ORANJESTAD -- The Fundashon Cultural Kadushi (Cultural Cadushi Foundation) is inviting all of Aruba to their October 1st first cultural event to promote Aruban culture. They are intent on helping us maintain

and transfer our cultural heritage to the youth. This foundation was established on August 11, 2011 just one month ago and is already inaugurating their first grand cultural activity on the first of October. The grand event is

to take place in the Sportboys Club Angoochi, Sta. Cruz.

The event will be replete with typical Aruban music combined with a ceremony commemorating some of our Great Heroes this time from the Sta. Cruz district. This

will be persons who contributed significantly to our cultural heritage in different ways. One such person will be a farmer, two fishermen, and a Juan Dera Gai dance couple who danced for more than 40 years, a cultural promoter, and musician. There will also be a dance group.

One important feature of the celebration will be the cultural musical interchange. The "Tuttie Fruttie" group from Bonaire will be there with their fantastic presentations in their fabulous typical outfits reflecting the old times. This Bonairian group will be celebrating their 18th year of existence here on Aruba with us. This group has performed in Curacao and in the Netherlands. But, this will be their first presentation on Aruba. A special invitation is being extended to all Bonairians residing on Aruba to be sure to come out and enjoy this festivity.

Oes who was crowned by TAKLA group as the Rincon gai will also be there with his tremendous dance show. Other groups to delight everyone will be Tipico di Aruba, Robert Thiel on his wheel and his Mochai Stars, Tipico Alegre Kadushi Largo, Sodo y Cuero, Rincon Boyz, Tipico Los Amigos, and of course the famous Caha Di Orgel.

There will be numerous tents with Aruban arts and crafts and paintings, wines and cakes. Naturally food will be in abundance with 2 kitchens. One kitchen will prepare typical Aruban dishes while the other will offer true Bonairian meals and delicacies.

This will most definitely be an occasion to enjoy Aruba and Aruban culture at the Sport Boys Club on Saturday October 1st. The doors swing open at 12 noon with the sale of the different delicious foods through to 1:00 am! And, the best of all.... There is no admissions fee! You are encouraged, however, to participate with a raffle of Fls.5 to help the organizers cover their expenses.

The Fundashon Cultural Kadushi proudly invites all of Aruba and our visitors to plan on visiting this incredibly fantastic cultural event! For more information please contact:

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"We are a small island in a big world," he noted, and remarked on the importance of impressing island residents to be aware of Aruba's place on the globe and understanding the seriousness of world events as they influence Aruban life and the island's development.

The past year has also demonstrated the social consequences of economic instability in a number of European countries, where rioting and protests are taking place, sparked by unemployment and the rising cost of fuel oil and comestibles. He commended

the present administration for the many steps they have taken to quickly bring Aruba to a point of fuel oil independence, and the plans to deploy sources of energy which do not produce greenhouse gases, citing a number of projects in the works. "A plan of recuperation must include a variety of instruments to revitalize our economy," he warned. The Governor hoped to see the stimulation of entrepreneurship at all levels, great and small.

Governor Refunjol also touched upon events of the past year which should be of



great pride to all islanders, such as the accomplishments of some of our young sports stars, particularly in the international arena, and the role model they play to island youth to pursue a healthy lifestyle.

Upon completion of his speech, Parliamentary President Paul Croes thanks Governor Refunjol for his words, and with his permission, declared the Parliamentary year 2011-2012 officially in session.

by Rosalie Klein



SCI-TECH

Testosterone drop helps men do dad-duty: study



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Men experience a drop in testosterone after the birth of their children, a phenomenon that may help them meet the challenges of caring for their offspring, said a study released on Monday.

Testosterone is a hormone that fuels male sexuality, aggression and physical robustness, and is typically highest in young, single men with no children, said the research in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

With less testosterone coursing through their veins, men are more likely to adopt fatherly roles and help nurture their children, a particular need among humans who have much longer dependent childhoods than other mammals.

"Raising human offspring is such an effort that it is co-operative by necessity, and our study shows that human fathers are biologically wired to help with the job," said co-author Christopher Kuzawa of Northwestern University in Illinois.

The research was based on 624 men, age 21-26, in the Philippines who were tracked for nearly five years -- a period in which some of them entered stable relationships and became new fathers.

Of those who started the study single and became fathers by the end of it, the men with the highest initial testos-

terone levels were more likely to have become dads.

This distinction was important because previous studies had not been able to establish whether a testosterone dip observed in newly married men was a trait that made men more likely to marry, or if it resulted from the act of partnering.

"The men who started with high testosterone were more likely to become fathers, but once they did, their testosterone went down substantially," said co-author Lee Gettler, a doctoral candidate in anthropology at Northwestern.

"Our findings suggest that this is especially true for fathers who become the most involved with child care."

Men who became fathers during the study showed a median 26 to 34 percent drop in testosterone levels, which was significant compared the normal age-related decrease seen in single men who were not fathers (12-14 percent).

The steepest declines were seen in fathers of newborns, one month old or younger.

"Fatherhood and the demands of having a newborn baby require many emotional, psychological and physical adjustments," Gettler said. "Our study indicates that a man's biology can change substantially to help meet those demands."

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Astronomers claim biggest haul of other worlds

(AFP) -- Astronomers on Tuesday unveiled a haul of more than 50 planets orbiting other stars, including a "super-Earth" which inhabits a zone where, providing conditions are right, water could exist in liquid form.

It is the biggest single tally in the history of exoplanet hunting since the very first world beyond the Solar System was spotted in 1995, the European Southern Observatory (ESO) said in a press release.

The planets were detected using a light analyser, or spectrograph, on a 3.6-metre (11.7-feet) telescope at La Silla Observatory in the ultra-dry conditions of Chile's Atacama desert.

The findings were presented at a conference on Extreme Solar Systems in Moran, Wyoming, attended by 350 exoplanet specialists.

Sixteen of the planets have been designated "super-Earths", a term meaning that they are exceptionally small for exoplanets that have been spotted so far.

A super-Earth is between one and 10 times the mass of the Earth. It does not necessarily mean that the world is rocky -- as opposed to gassy -- or that the conditions for life exist.

However, one of the 16 new "super-Earths", called HD 85512 b, which is estimated to be only 3.6 times the mass of the Earth, is orbiting at an intriguingly promising distance from its star.

It is just at the far edge of the so-called Goldilocks zone, where the temperature should be balmy enough for water, the stuff of life as we know it, to exist in liquid form rather than as ice or a gas.

The sighting is not a confirmation that HD 85512 b is a habitable planet, but should be seen as a technical advance for determining if other potential homes-from-home exist, ESO said.

Nearly 600 exoplanets

have been detected since 1995, but none has looked remotely like Earth. Many are gas giants that orbit so close to their sun that their atmospheres are scorching.

"In the coming 10 to 20 years, we should have the first list of potentially habitable planets in the Sun's neighbourhood," said Michel Mayor, a University of Geneva astronomer who discovered the first-ever exoplanet, and led the ESO team.

"Making such a list is essential before future experiments can search for possible spectroscopic signatures of life in the exoplanet atmospheres."



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Fitness for kids: Getting children off the couch



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Kids. Children and adolescents age 6 and older need at least an hour a day of physical activity. Most of the hour should be either moderate or

vigorous aerobic activity. In addition, children should participate in muscle-strengthening and bone-strengthening activities at least three days a week. Many classic activities — such as playing on playground equipment and jumping rope — cover all the bases at once.

A surefire way to increase your child's activity level is to limit the number of hours he or she spends in front of a screen — including television, video games and online activities. For example, you

might consider a limit of one or two hours a day and, for a better night's sleep, no screen time in the hour before bed.

If your child plays video games, opt for those that require movement. Activity-oriented video games — such as dance video games and video games that use a player's physical movements to control what happens on the screen — boost a child's calorie-burning power.

Remember, incorporating physical activity into your child's life does much more than promote a healthy weight. It sets the foundation for a lifetime of fitness and good mental and physical health.

Fish oil may hinder chemotherapy: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Fatty acids found in fish oil supplements may block chemotherapy from attacking tumors and patients should stop taking them, said a study by Dutch researchers.

Fish oil supplements of

omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids are sold worldwide, and are touted by manufacturers as a way to boost heart and brain health.

However, researchers at The Netherlands' University Medical Center Utrecht report in the journal *Cancer Cell* that two types of fatty acids, known as platinum-induced fatty acids or PIFAs, were shown to block one type of chemotherapy from working in animal tests.

"Whilst waiting for the results of further research, we currently recommend that these products should not be used whilst people are undergoing chemotherapy," said Professor Emile Voest, a medical oncologist at UMC Utrecht.

Voest supervised the research, which showed that a form of chemo called cisplatin, often used to treat lung,

bladder, ovarian and testicular cancer, was rendered impotent by these two PIFAs, which are made by stem cells in the blood and are also present in fish oil supplements.

In tests on mice with tumors under the skin, researchers found that animals injected with the fatty acids, described as "normal amounts of fish oil," became insensitive to chemotherapy.

"Where resistance to chemotherapy is concerned, we usually believe that changes in the cancer cells themselves have occurred. Now we show that the body itself secretes protective substances into the blood that are powerful enough to block the effect of chemotherapy," said Voest.

"These substances can be found in some types of fish oil."

Number of centenarians hits new high in Japan



TOKYO (AFP) — The number of people aged 100 or older in rapidly greying Japan has hit a record high for the 41st consecutive year, the government said Tuesday.

The health ministry said 37 out of every 100,000 people in the country are now in triple figures -- a total of more than 47,700, with 87 percent of them women.

The figure is up more than 3,300 on last year.

Centenarians include Jirouemon Kimura, a 114-year-old recognised as the world's oldest man by the Guinness World Records. The oldest woman in Japan is also 114.

A ministry official said the survey was compiled more carefully this year after it was discovered the relatives of some elderly people had kept their deaths a secret, sometimes for decades, but still re-

ceived pension payments.

However, the official added that the latest number could include centenarians who are still unaccounted for after the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, where the bulk of those who died were elderly.

More than 20 percent of Japan's population of 128 million are aged 65 or over, one of the highest proportions in the world.

As well as having famously long-living people, Japan also has one of the planet's lowest birthrates, with many young people putting off starting a family because of the burden on their finances, lifestyles and careers.

The two issues combine to create a headache for policy planners, with fewer working age people having to provide for an increasing number of elderly.



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The sessions will be given by Mr. Raymond Kock, Liaison for the Security Department, with the intention of encouraging good behavior and good service to clients and customers.

The educational presentations are scheduled to take place during a period of 5(five) days and will address about 132 port terminal tenants. The program is expected to expand over the coming years to include taxi drivers and touroperators who make use of port services.

Aruba Port Director on Mission in Haiti

Aruba Ports Authority Director Alfonso Boekhoudt visited Haiti last month in representation of the Aruban Red Cross. Upon his arrival in Port-au-Prince Mr. Boekhoudt was met by Mr. Hendrik Meyer, Head of the Red Cross' Dutch Delegation assigned to the Haiti Mission.

Together they visited Madame Michaële Gédéon, President Croix-Rouge Haïtienne and Monsieur Ronald Délice, Secrétaire de la Branche Sud'Est CRH, at the base camp of the International Federation of the Red Cross in Port-au-Prince.

During his visit as President of the Aruban Red Cross, Mr. Boekhoudt visited two of the three schools being built and renovated by the 1.3 million Guilders raised in Aruba specifically for this cause in 2010.

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Seminar on Menopause and Andropause For women and men



He wrote a book on the phenomena of Menopause which captured the attention of women here on Aruba, and in Curacao, Bonaire and St. Maarten, with numerous copies sent to the Netherlands for the many Papiamentu speaking people residing there. The book, *Menopause: Its Implications and Management* became Aruba's number 1 bestseller!

After the publication of the book, he gave various seminars on the subject of menopause to packed audiences for both men and women. The Department of Social Affairs also organized seminars on Menopause and on Andropause in practically every barrio on the island with psychologist Tony Green as the speaker for each of those sessions. Each session in the barrios were filled to capacity with women and men eager to learn more about this interesting phenomenon in the life of our females.

In his last seminar on Menopause held about two years ago with an audience of over 300 persons, Tony Green promised that he would repeat the seminar sometime again in the future. Well, after numerous requests for a repeat of that

seminar, the Aruban psychologist and author decided that now is the time to keep his promise and comply with the request of the people.

On Friday, September 23rd Tony Green will present his seminar on the topic of Menopause and Andropause in the Cas Di Cultura from 7:00 to 9:00pm. In this seminar, he will focus on both Menopause and Andropause. Menopause, as we know, is an issue that women must deal with, while Andropause is what men contends with at a certain stage in their lives. Green will address both issues in this seminar.

As we know, Green wrote a very explicit and practical book on the topic of Menopause and shortly after published a smaller book on the phenomena of Andropause.

On Friday, September 23 in the Cas Di Cultura, Green will give ample time to deal with both Menopause and Andropause. Tickets are available as of Tuesday at Valero Essoville at the head of San Nicolaas, Valero Sta. Cruz, and at Botica Santa Anna in Noord.

This seminar will be a sold out event as are most of the seminars by Tony Green. Hence, you are advised to get your ticket as soon as possible to ensure your entrance to what promises to be a very dynamic, fun-filled and informative session. There would most likely be no tickets sold at the door because in all probability all tickets will be sold before the day of the seminar.

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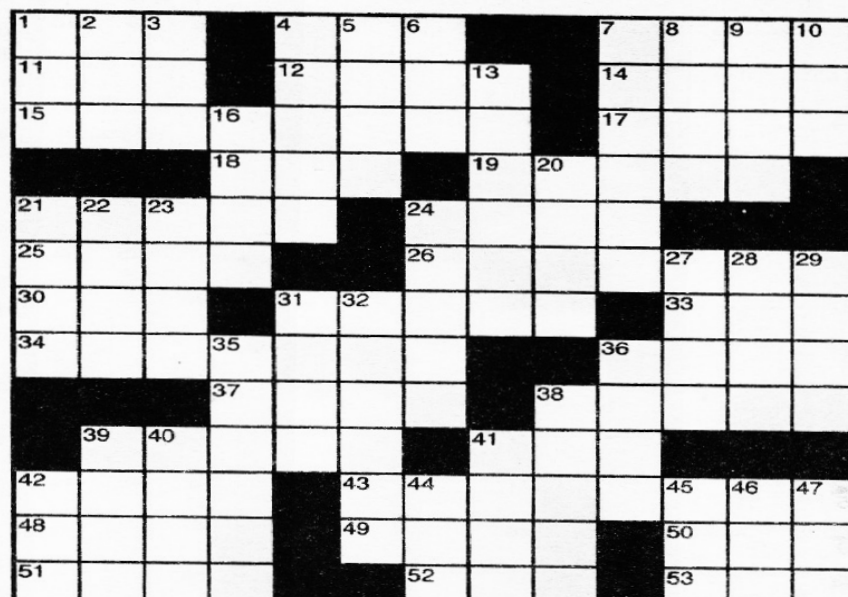
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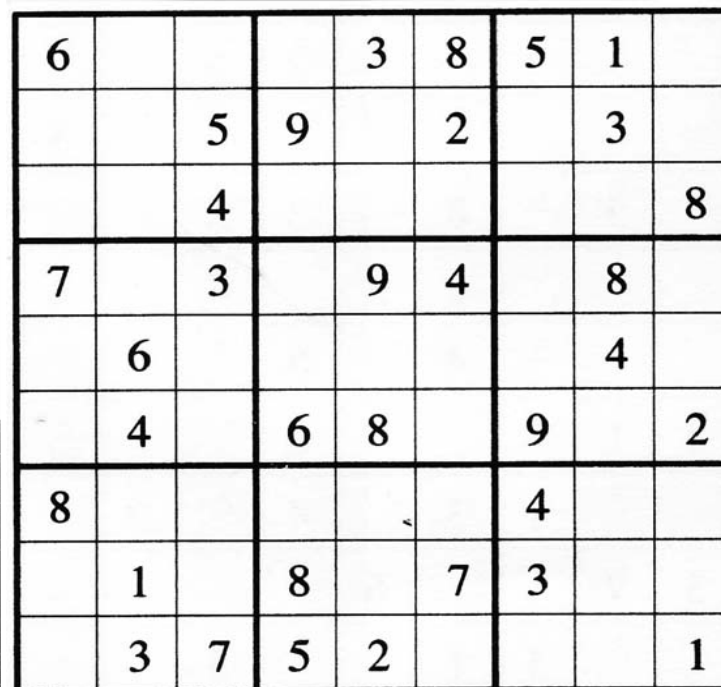
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Obama swipes back at Republicans over tax

COLUMBUS (AFP) - President Barack Obama said Tuesday Americans had a simple choice between further enriching billionaires or keeping teachers in schools, swiping back at Republicans over his jobs bill.

The US leader stepped up the rhetoric in what aides said will be a months-long, countrywide trek to back the \$447 billion dollar attempt to reduce 9.1 percent unemployment and restore trust in his economic leadership.

"Do you want to keep tax breaks for multi-millionaires and billionaires or do you want to put teachers back to work?" he roared in full campaign mode at a school in Columbus, Ohio, a key swing state in the 2012 election.

"(Do) you want to keep tax loopholes for oil companies, or do you want to reno-

vate more schools... so that construction workers have jobs again?" he shouted, as a partisan crowd chanted "Pass this bill."

"We know what's right. We know what to do to create jobs now and in the future," Obama said.

"We have got to make sure everybody pays their fair share including the wealthiest Americans and biggest corporations."

Republicans had earlier rejected Obama's blueprint for paying for the jobs bill, which is weighted towards payroll taxes and includes infrastructure spending, branding it purely a political exercise.

They also complained about Obama's plans to finance the American Jobs Act by reducing itemized deductions for the wealthiest Amer-

icans, closing corporate tax loopholes and changing taxes for corporate jet owners.

Obama "likes to talk about taxing the super wealthy, the millionaires, the billionaires and the jet owners," said Eric Cantor, the leader of the Republican majority in the House of Representatives.

"Well, now proposals just aren't that simple. Looking at the impact of his policies in increasing taxes on people making \$200,000 and up, what you see is a tax on the very people you would expect and want to create jobs."

Obama traveled to Ohio, the state of House Speaker John Boehner, to highlight a \$25 billion investment in the jobs plan which would modernize at least 35,000 public schools, upgrade classrooms and provide jobs for construction workers.

US poverty rate hits 15.1%, highest since 1993

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US poverty rate rose in 2010 to 15.1 percent, the highest since 1993, according to census data showing a record number of Americans classified as poor and highlighting a struggling economy after the end of the Great Recession.

The Census Bureau report released Tuesday showed a sharp increase in the poverty rate from 14.3 percent in 2009, and a fourth consecutive rise in the number of people below the poverty line, to 46.2 million.

The number of people living in poverty was the highest since data collection began in 1959, although the rate was 7.3 percentage points lower than in 1959.

The US definition of poverty is an annual income of \$22,314 for a family of four, and \$11,139 for a single person in 2010.

The survey showed struggles for the rest of Americans, with median annual household income falling 2.3 percent to \$49,445.

The Census Bureau also said the number of people without health insurance coverage rose to 49.9 million in 2010 from 49.0 million in 2009, while the percentage without coverage -- 16.3 percent -- was not statistically different from the rate in 2009.

The census report said there was no "statistically significant" change in inequality between 2009 and 2010 based on its index.

The poverty rate for blacks and Hispanics was much higher than for the overall population at 27.4 percent and

26.6 percent, respectively. Among regions, the South had the highest poverty rate at 16.9 percent and the highest percentage without health insurance, 19.1 percent.

The Asian population saw a decline in poverty to 12.1 percent from 12.5 percent a year earlier.

The poverty rate increased for children under 18 to 22 percent from 20.7 percent in 2009.

The Children's Leadership Council, an advocacy group, called the news "unacceptable in America."

"The rising numbers of children living in poverty is a direct result of the choices made by political leaders who put billionaires before kids," the group said. "America's children should be our top priority."

The report, showing the first full year since the recession officially ended in June 2009, supports the notion that Americans have been losing ground economically. It showed real median incomes fell 6.4 percent from pre-recession levels in 2007 and were 7.1 percent below the peak in 1999.

Ron Haskins, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, said the report shows "the news on economic well-being in the US is not good," and that the trend is likely to continue.

A Brookings analysis shows that the poverty rate is projected to approach 16 percent in 2014, "meaning that the Great Recession will have added nearly 10 million people to the ranks of the poor by mid-decade."

US approves rule on bank bankruptcy plans

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US regulators approved Tuesday a rule requiring 37 large US and foreign financial institutions to submit plans to allow for their orderly dismantlement in case of bankruptcy.

In the wake of the 2008-2009 financial crisis, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation rule, which regulates banks, has adopted the rule in order to better wind up

and limit the spillover damage of complex, systemically important financial institutions that fail.

Set to take effect on January 1, the rule requires insured banks and other financial institutions with total assets of \$50 billion or more to submit their wind-up plans in 2012 and 2013.

The FDIC did not identify the 37 financial institutions covered by the rule, but said they held about \$3.6 trillion in insured deposits or nearly 60 percent of all insured deposits as of December 31, 2010.

The FDIC set the tightest deadline for firms with total US assets of at least \$250 billion: July 1, 2012.

The second group, with total nonbank assets of \$100 billion or more, must file their plans by July 1, 2013, while the remaining institutions have until the end of 2013.

The parent company of any foreign-based bank on the list is responsible for filing its res-

olution plan.

A key aim of the resolution plan is to enable the FDIC to ensure that depositors receive access to their insured deposits within one business day of the institution's failure, the agency said.

It also should maximize the return from the sale or disposition of its assets and minimize the amount of any loss to creditors.

"The rule seeks to address a key lesson from the recent financial crisis that resolution plans for large and complex insured depository intuitions are essential for their orderly and least-cost resolution," the FDIC said in a statement.

The new rule is part of financial reforms undertaken after the bankruptcy in September 2008 of one of Wall Street's biggest investment banks, Lehman Brothers, which triggered a financial meltdown that led to global recession.

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with



town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only

construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management de-

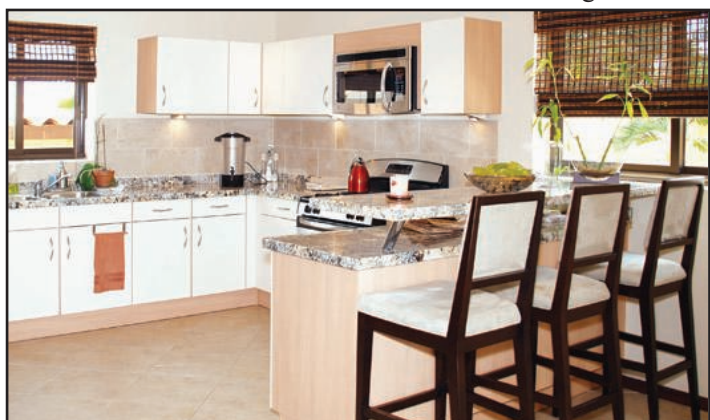


the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260

a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an



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The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!



Varela, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Grandma's stoba with classic rice and beans and homemade potato beet salad

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varela Innocencia confesses she opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varela's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu, made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

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SAO PAULO (AFP) - Angola's Leila Lopes has become the new Miss Universe, edging out beauties from the Ukraine, Brazil, the Philippines and China as the pageant marked its 60th anniversary.

Lopes, 25, wearing a glittery strapless gown with feathery fringe, accepted the crown on Monday from last year's winner, Mexico's Ximena Navarrete, after upsetting a line-up of Latin American beauties who had been favored to win.

Ninety-eight young women took part in the contest -- in South America's largest city, Brazil's industrial hub of Sao Paulo -- watched by an estimated one billion people around the world.

"Now I have work to do, and I want to try to keep my feet on the ground," Lopes told reporters as she struggled to hold back tears after receiving a standing ovation at Sao Paulo's Credicard Hall.

Earlier, when the judges asked what physical trait

about herself she would change if given the opportunity, she replied: "Nothing, I am satisfied with what God gave me," and added that it was important to have "inner beauty."

She will go on to serve as a world ambassador of sorts, with a full calendar of public appearances to raise awareness about the fight against AIDS and other serious diseases.

It was the ninth time the competition was held in Latin America but the first time it was hosted by Brazil.

Latin American women were the favorites this year after winning the crown in seven of the last 10 competitions, and all eyes were on the slender Vanessa Goncalves of Venezuela, which has a highly competitive beauty pageant circuit.

Venezuela won back-to-back crowns in 2008 and 2009 -- a first in the competition -- and with a total of six wins falls just one short of the

United States, which has more than 10 times its population.

But Goncalves and another favorite, Miss Kosovo, were eliminated after the swimsuit competition and did not make it into the group of finalists.

The hometown favorite, Brazil's Priscila Machado, came in third, upsetting Miss

China and Miss Philippines but falling short of the Ukraine's Olesia Stefanko, who came in second.

Lopes wore a light-colored, glittery dress that contrasted well with her dark skin, and pinned her voluminous hair up in a bun that sent murmurs of wonder through the local press corps.

The contest, organized by

US real-estate tycoon Donald Trump, was judged by a panel of seven fashion experts and celebrities, including Brazilian supermodel Isabeli Fontana and Indy driver Helio Castroneves.

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Late goal gives Milan a silver lining



AC Milan's Brazilian defender Thiago Silva celebrates after scoring

BARCELONA (AFP) - A last ditch Thiago Silva header rescued a point for AC Milan who drew 2-2 against reigning Champions League winners Barcelona in their opening Group H encounter here Tuesday.

With just 24 seconds on the clock Pato exposed Barca's defensive frailties to score the fifth fastest Champions League goal ever in front of a stunned Nou Camp crowd.

Barca were on the back foot but bounced back with Lionel Messi more often than not at their heart of their best moves.

It was he who jiggled through the Milan defence to set up Pedro Rodriguez for the equaliser and then after 50 minutes Villa appeared to have given them the win with a fine 30-yard free-kick.

However in stoppage time Silva leapt highest to power home a corner to give Milan a share of the spoils.

Barcelona had an experimental back-line with Gerard Pique injured and Carles Puyol not risked by coach Pep Guardiola.

It meant two midfielders in Sergio Busquets and Javier Mascherano were at the heart of the defence while in mid-field Seydou Keita came into the side with no place for summer signing Cesc Fabregas.

It took less than a minute for Milan to crack Guardiola's tactical plan as Pato ruthlessly exposed the centre-halves lack of pace. The Brazilian burst passed both Mascherano and Busquets before slipping the ball under keeper Victor Valdes.

After a sluggish draw

against Lazio at the weekend, Milan approached the game cautiously with Massimiliano Allegri admitting a draw would be a good result.

Few believed him when he said his team would go out to attack as the best form of defence but they did just that in the opening stages, playing with a high tempo.

Milan may have been without the injured forwards Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Robinho but they continued to pose a threat with Pato's acceleration the key.

Barca hung on and as they gradually gained more possession, Milan struggled to cope with the incisive runs of their forwards.

With the lead Barca were able to pass the ball around comfortably in the middle of the park. Much of the pre-match talk had been about Mark van Bommel's confrontation with Iniesta after they last met in last year's World Cup final but the Dutchman hardly saw the ball for much of the game as was the case for his midfield colleagues.

The Milan forwards had become little more than spectators in what was almost a recital in maintaining possession from the Catalans.

That was until the 91st minute when in a rare foray forward saw Milan win a corner, from which Silva pounced to equalise.

Other results on Tuesday:

Group E

Chelsea (ENG) 2 (Luiz 66, Mata 90+2) Bayer Leverkusen (GER) 0

Genk (BEL) 0 Valencia (ESP) 0

Group F

Olympiakos (GRE) 0 Marseille (FRA) 1 (Lucho 50)

Borussia Dortmund (GER) 1 (Perisic 88) Arsenal (ENG) 1 (Van Persie 42)

Group G

Porto (POR) 2 (Hulk 28, Kleber 51) Shakhtar Donetsk (UKR) 1 (Luiz Adriano 12)

Apoel Nicosia (CYP) 2 (Manduca 73, Ailton 75) Zenit St-Petersburg (RUS) 1 (Zyryanov 63)

Group H

Barcelona (ESP) 2 (Pedro 35, Villa 49) AC Milan (ITA) 2 (Pato 1, Silva 90+2)

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Djokovic sets ATP prize money record

NEW YORK (AFP) - World number one Novak Djokovic's US Open triumph on Monday ran his Grand Slam total for the season to three and earned him a record amount of prize money.

Djokovic posted his 64th win in 66 matches and pushed his 2011 earnings past \$10.6 million to set an ATP World Tour money record.

The only other men to come close were Rafael Nadal in 2010 and Roger

Federer four years ago. They both finished their seasons with just under \$10.2 million.

By beating Nadal in Monday night's US Open singles championship, Djokovic earned \$2.3 million. That comprises \$1.8 million for winning the final Grand Slam of the season and an additional \$500,000 bonus for winning the US Open series standings, which factors in results from the hard-court tuneup tournaments.

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Brief: Disgraced MLB star Ramirez released from jail
FORT LAUDERDALE, (AFP) - Disgraced ex-World Series MVP Manny Ramirez was released from jail after being arrested and charged with battery following an alleged bedroom altercation with his wife at their luxury Florida home. The 39-year-old Ramirez spent one night in jail before being released on \$2,500 bail on Tuesday. The 12-time all-star was charged with domestic battery and told to stay away from his wife, Juliana Ramirez.

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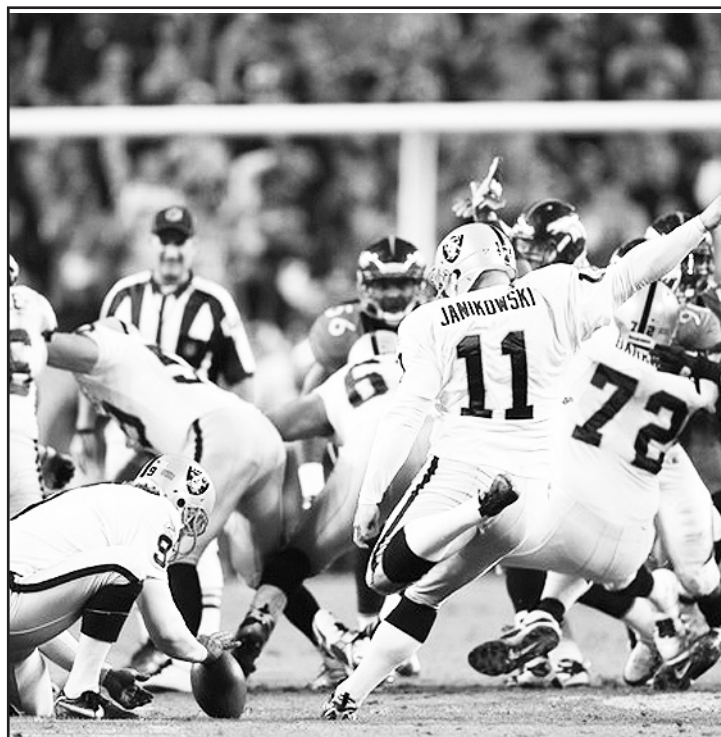
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Janikowski ties NFL field goal record



Place kicker Sebastian Janikowski #11 of the Oakland Raiders kicks a 63 yard field goal from the hold of Shane Lechler #9. Janikowski's kick of 63 yards tied the NFL field goal record as the Raiders defeated the Broncos 23-20

DENVER (AFP) - Sebastian Janikowski equalled a National Football League record with a 63-yard field goal in the first half of the Oakland Raiders' 23-20 victory Monday over the Denver Broncos.

Janikowski's kick sailed low over the crossbar, giving him a share of the record with fellow field goal kickers Tom Dempsey and Jason Elam.

He was mobbed by his

teammates, who ran onto the field to congratulate him before they headed for the locker room for halftime. It was the final play of the second quarter.

Dempsey set the record for New Orleans in November 1970, and Denver's Elam matched it on October 1998.

Janikowski hit a 61-yard field goal in December 2009.

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Bolt smashes Gay's track record in season's best

ZAGREB (AFP) - Jamaican athletics superstar Usain Bolt ran a track record 9.85sec in the 100m at the athletics meeting here Tuesday, smashing longstanding American rival Tyson Gay's mark of 9.92 set last year.

The 25-year-old Olympic titleholder - who lost his world crown last month after being disqualified for false starting - eased away to win in what was for him also a season's best time, though, a fair bit off his world record of 9.58sec.

St Kitts and Nevis's 35-year-old Kim Collins, 2003 world champion and bronze medalist last month, finished second while Trinidad and Tobago's Richard Thompson was third.


Collins timed 10.01sec while Thompson finished in 10.03sec.

Bolt, who nevertheless retained his world 200m crown and also anchored the Jamaican team to a world record in the 4x100m relay, said that he wasn't satisfied with his run overall because of a problem that has been dogging him all season.

"I had a bad start, that's the reason why I had lost concentration, a little bit. It was already happening to me this year," he said.

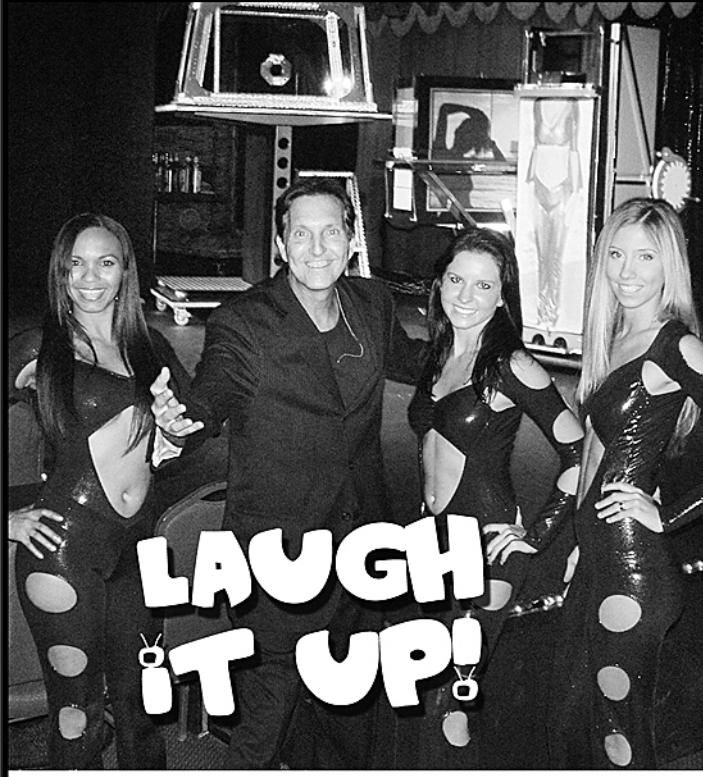
"But, I felt wonderful here. I remember my last meeting here, in Zagreb (in 2006).

"Then and tonight again, I had great support from the spectators," he stressed.



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Longo's husband bought EPO, says report

PARIS (AFP) - The husband and coach of French cycling legend Jeannie Longo, who is under the spotlight for missing three drugs tests, has been accused of buying the banned blood booster EPO (erythropoietin), according to reports Tuesday.

Former professional Joe Papp, an American who turned to supplying banned drugs to cyclists after being banned for doping himself, claims he supplied Patrice Ciprelli -- Longo's husband and coach -- with EPO in 2007.

The claims were made by Papp in a two-page report in French sports daily L'Equipe, which features examples of emails and faxes sent be-

tween Papp, Ciprelli and a Chinese supplier of the drugs known only as Chen.

Papp said: "I sold EPO to Ciprelli around this time. He contacted our website and specifically asked how much it would cost for 80,000 iu of EPO to be sent to France. He mentioned it was for his wife."

The French Cycling Federation (FFC) said it would launch an investigation into the claims and provisionally suspended Ciprelli from all coaching duties.

Speaking to RTL radio, Ciprelli and Longo's lawyer Bruno Ravaz hit out: "It's crazy. Patrice Ciprelli totally denies any implication (in the affair), for him it's all a bunch

of lies.

The 52-year-old Longo, widely expected to retire after the London Olympics in 2012, is a 59-time national champion who has won the women's Tour de France three times and claimed a total of 30 medals from the Olympics and world championships combined.

In a statement addressed to AFP last week the Frenchwoman said she had nothing to hide.

"I've been tested more than any other athlete in the world and not once has there been cause for any suspicion on my sporting integrity," said Longo.

Brady burns Dolphins for record 517 yards



tied an NFL record with a 63-yard field goal as the Oakland Raiders defeated the Denver Broncos 23-20.

The only sour note on the night for Brady was an interception he threw which snapped his NFL-record streak of 358 passes without being picked off.

Other than that it was a record-setting night for Brady, who connected on 32 of 48 passes in compiling the fifth-most passing yards in an NFL game.

Brady's 99-yard touchdown pass to Welker with just under six minutes left in the game gave him 511 yards and vaulted him past the Patriots' record of 426, set in 1994 by Drew Bledsoe.

Last year he tossed for 36 touchdowns as the Patriots led the league in scoring. On Monday, New England racked up 622 total yards, the most in franchise history and the most allowed by the Dolphins.

Brady became the 11th quarterback to throw for at least 500 yards and he came close the all-time record of 554, set by Norm Van Brocklin in 1951.

MIAMI (AFP) - Tom Brady began his 2011 campaign with a brilliant display of run-and-gun offence, throwing for a team-record 517 yards and four touchdowns as the New England Patriots defeated Miami 38-24 on Monday.

The reigning league MVP also connected on a 99-yard pass to Wes Welker and the Patriots have now won every season-opening game dating back to 2004.

"I only threw it 25 yards. Wes did all the work," Brady said. "When I saw him break away, that was awesome. Coach never lets us run that route in practice."

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Djokovic targets career Grand Slam

NEW YORK (AFP) - Novak Djokovic, whose US Open triumph was his third Grand Slam title of the season and 64th win in 66 matches in 2011, insisted on Monday that he was not invincible.

But his modesty did not prevent the 24-year-old world number one from keenly anticipating his next big ambition in a sport which he is beginning to monopolise -- a career Grand Slam.

Rafael Nadal, who he beat 6-2, 6-4, 6-7 (3/7), 6-1 in a gruelling, brutal final, was the last man to win all four Grand Slams when he triumphed at Flushing Meadows in 2010, to become the seventh man to achieve the feat.

Djokovic missed out on a rare calendar Grand Slam in 2011 when he lost in the French Open semi-finals to Roger Federer, a defeat which ended his 43-match winning streak.

But despite dominating 2011, winning three majors and



10 titles in all, including five Masters, Djokovic is desperate to keep predictions in check.

"I am not invincible," said Djokovic.

"I just think a positive attitude keeps you on top of your game, when you go on court and when I had the start to the year that I had.

"Of course I want to win more majors and prove things to myself. It would be unbelievable to complete the

Grand Slam. I need to win the French Open, but I think it will take time."

Despite Djokovic's caution, he still has many backers including American legend John McEnroe whose all-time season-best record of 82 wins against just three defeats, set in 1984, is now well within the Serb's sights.

"He has had the greatest year in the history of our sport," said McEnroe on Sunday.